

REMARKS

This paper adds new dependent claims 19 and 20 to provide supplemental coverage of optional or preferable features of the invention deleted from original claim 1. Claim 19 limits the substantially elongated, closed profile member of claim 1 to a wind turbine blade, and claim 20 specifies that, in the first, open position, the openings of both mould parts face upwards.

Claims 1-20 are thus now pending, of which claim 1 is independent and the rest are dependent.

The Office action objects to the abstract and to the disclosure because of the inclusion in the abstract of the legal phraseology “said” and “means” and the reference in the disclosure to the claims by number. This paper amends the abstract and disclosure accordingly. The amended abstract is within the range of 50 to 150 words. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

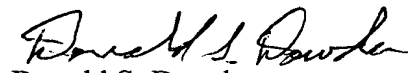
The Office action objects to claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 15, 16 and 18 because of various informalities. This paper corrects all of the informalities, plus some others noted by applicant. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The examiner objects to the terms “preferably” and “the free ends” in claim 1, “the bearings” in claims 3 and 12, “two pilot holes” in claim 6, and “e.g., at one end thereof” in claim 11. The noted informalities have all been corrected, together with others noted by applicant. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Section 7 beginning on page 3 of the Office action notes that the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the invention as claimed and indicates that claims 1-18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In view of the amendments set out above, claims 1-18 are clearly allowable. New claims 19 and 20, being dependent on claim 1, avoid the prior art and are also allowable.

There being no further objections or rejections, the application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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